

Norman Ellsworth Clark

May 20, 1935 ~ October 25, 2021

A beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather passed away peacefully in his home, surrounded by his children on Monday, October 25, 2021.

Norman was born May 20, 1935, in Salt Lake City to Ellsworth Marion and Dorothy Smith Clark. He had the privilege to grow up in the beautiful towns of Parker and St. Anthony, Idaho. He learned to swim in the nearby streams, explored the “island” and enjoyed the beautiful scenery of Eastern Idaho until the age of 10, when the family moved to Salt Lake City. He cherished his role of being the eldest of 9 children.

Norman graduated from South High School, and then attended the University of Utah where he studied architecture. At an institute dance, he met the love of his life, Charleen. He noticed her dancing with someone else from across the room. He was so captivated by her that he cut in and asked her to dance: thus starting their journey together. They dated for several years; during that time, Norman honorably served in the Northern California Mission. He enjoyed his many experiences and getting to know his companions, one of which became a brother in-law. He also served in the US Army Reserves for many years.

He married his sweetheart on August 12, 1959, in the Salt Lake Temple. Being an eternal family was extremely important to Norman and Charleen, and we are certain there is a joyful reunion on the other side.

Norman was an accomplished artist, architect, teacher and gardener. He worked as a draftsman until he obtained his dream of becoming an AIA Licensed Architect and worked in various practices, partnerships and his own practice for over 40 years. One of his many accomplishments was designing and building his own home.

Norm was an Associate Professor at Salt Lake Community College for 30 years, where he taught classes in the Architectural Technology Department. He retired only 5 years ago, at the age of 81. He found joy in teaching and associating with the students and faculty. He impacted their lives while gladly sharing his talents, expertise and time.

His thirst for knowledge and self-improvement continued throughout his life. Norman enjoyed studying a variety of subjects including astronomy, geology and history; he also enjoyed going to art classes for many years up until just a few months ago. While teaching full-time, Norm returned to college to complete his bachelor’s degree in Industrial Teacher Education. At 69 years of age, he was the oldest to graduate from Utah State University when he obtained his master’s degree in Industrial Technology and Education.

Norman’s love of running grew in his later years, and he enjoyed the adventure to train and run in the St. George marathon at the age of 54, with his son-in-law, Brian.

Norman was an accomplished artist and painted throughout his life. He had a great reverence for nature and was fulfilled when he was able to interpret God's beautiful creations with his paint brush. He favored depicting landscapes with oils, especially views of Mount Olympus and the Tetons. Throughout his life, he won many awards

in art competitions and had several gallery showings. Norm inspired, encouraged and taught a love of art and design to all those around him.

Norman led his family with a quiet, selfless example by exemplifying honesty, unconditional love and patience. He found joy in his role of being a father and grandfather. His kind and encouraging words will always be remembered. He served in the Church with dedication in many capacities including stake and ward missionary, in the Young Men's organization and in the Bishopric. His favorite callings were serving with his wife in the Special Needs Mutual for 15 years and being a faithful home teacher/minister up to the end of his life.

Norman is preceded in death by Charleen, his wife of 61 years; his parents; four grandsons; and two brothers. He is survived by six siblings; his children, Michelle (Brian) Harris, Janene (Brad) Wright, Susan (Greg) Hatfield, Stephen (Cathy) Clark, Brian (Amanda) Clark, Cheryl (James) Wright, Melissa (Jeff) Quigley; 26 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 6th at noon at the Holladay Stake Center, 4568 Holladay Blvd., Holladay, UT 84117. A viewing prior to services will be held from 10:00 am - 11:40 am. Interment to follow at Larkin Sunset Lawn, 2350 East 1300 South.